# A Bayesian-motivated test for linear model in high-dimensional setting

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#### 1 Introduction

The proposed test is the limit of Bayes factors.

Fixed design

Suppose we would like to test the hypotheses:

$$\mathcal{H}_0: \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n),$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1: \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}_a \boldsymbol{\beta}_a + \mathbf{X}_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_b + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_n).$$

Here  $\beta_a$  is q dimensional and  $\beta_b$  is p dimensional. We assume that as n tends to infinity, q is fixed while  $p/n \to \infty$ . This assumption is reasonable. We assume  $\mathbf{X}_a$  has full column rank and  $\mathbf{X}_b$  has full row rank. In practice,  $p_0$  is often 1 and  $\mathbf{X}_a$  is  $\mathbf{1}_n$ .

As Goeman et al. (2006) pointed out, if  $\beta_b \neq 0$  but  $\mathbf{X}_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_b = 0$ , no test has any power. Goeman et al. (2006) used Bayesian method. Their idea is to choose an 'unbiased' distribution of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b$ . As they noticed, their test has negligible power for many alternatives, and is not unbiased.

The following proposition implies that there is no nontrivial unbiased test.

**Proposition 1.** Suppose  $\mathbf{y} \sim \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \phi^{-1}\mathbf{I}_n)$ . We test  $H_0: \mu = \mathbf{X}_a\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a \in \mathbb{R}^q$  versus  $H_1: \mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , where  $\mathbf{X}_a$  is an  $n \times q$  matrix with full column rank, q < n. Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{y})$  be a test function, that is, a Borel measurable function,  $0 \le \phi(\mathbf{y}) \le 1$ . If  $\int \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(\mathbf{X}_a\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi^{-1}\mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) = \alpha$  for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_a \in \mathbb{R}^q$ ,  $\phi > 0$  and  $\int \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \phi^{-1}\mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) \ge \alpha$  for  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\phi > 0$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{y}) = \alpha$ , a.s.

So we can not find a universally good test. Instead, we would like to find a test with good average behaviour. So Bayesian methods are natural choices in this case.

Bayes hypothesis testing use the Bayes factor.

$$B_{10} = \frac{\int f_1(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}_b, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b, \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_b d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\phi}{\int f_0(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) \pi_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\phi}.$$

There have been several extensions of g-priors to p > n case: Maruyama and George (2011), Shang and Clayton (2011).

Under  $H_0$ , we impose the reference prior  $\pi_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) = c/\phi$ . Note that under  $H_1$ , the posterior corresponding to the referece prior is proper if and only if  $\operatorname{Rank}(\mathbf{X}_a, \mathbf{X}_b) = q + p$  and n > q + p. That is, the minimal training sample size is q+p+1. So we cannot impose the reference prior under  $H_1$  provided  $q+p \geq n$ . We temporarily impose the conditional prior  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_b|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi \sim \mathcal{N}_p(0, \kappa^{-1}\phi^{-1}\mathbf{I}_p)$ . There are extansive literature consider the choice of  $\kappa$ . Kass and Wasserman (1995) choose  $\kappa$  such that the amount of information about the parameter equal to the amount of information contained in one observation. Thus, under  $H_1$ , we put the prior

$$\pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a,\phi) = \mathcal{N}_p\left(0,\frac{1}{\kappa\phi}\mathbf{I}_p\right)(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b), \quad \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a,\phi) = \frac{c}{\phi}.$$

$$\begin{split} m_0(\mathbf{y}; \kappa, \tau) &:= \int f_0^{\tau}(\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) \pi_0(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a, \phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\phi \\ &= \frac{c_0 \Gamma\left(\frac{\tau n - q}{2}\right)}{\pi^{\frac{\tau n - q}{2}} \tau^{\frac{\tau n}{2}} |\mathbf{X}_a^{\top} \mathbf{X}_a|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{y}\|^{\tau n - q}}. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} m_1(\mathbf{y};\kappa,\tau) &:= \int f_1^{\tau}(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\beta}_b,\boldsymbol{\beta}_a,\phi) \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b|\boldsymbol{\beta}_a,\phi) \pi_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}_a,\phi) d\boldsymbol{\beta}_a d\boldsymbol{\beta}_b d\phi \\ &= \frac{c_1 \kappa^{\frac{p}{2}} \Gamma\left(\frac{\tau n - q}{2}\right)}{\pi^{\frac{\tau n - q}{2}} \tau^{\frac{\tau n + p}{2}} |\mathbf{X}_a^{\top} \mathbf{X}_a|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* + \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \mathbf{I}_p|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{1}{\left[\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* (\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* + \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*\right]^{\frac{\tau n - q}{2}}}. \end{split}$$

$$\frac{m_1(\mathbf{y}; \kappa, \tau)}{m_0(\mathbf{y}; \kappa, \tau)} = \frac{c_1 \kappa^{\frac{p}{2}}}{c_0 \tau^{\frac{p}{2}} |\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* + \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \mathbf{I}_p|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* (\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{X}_b^* + \frac{\kappa}{\tau} \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*} \right)^{\frac{\tau n - q}{2}}$$

It is straightforward to show that the Bayes factor associated with these priors is

$$B_{10}^{\kappa} = \frac{\kappa^{p/2}}{|\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{p}|^{1/2}} \cdot \left( \frac{\mathbf{y}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{y}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} \left(\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{p}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{y}} \right)^{(n-q)/2}.$$

Thus,

$$2\log B_{10}^{\kappa} = p\log \kappa - \log |\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{p}|$$
$$-(n-q)\log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} \left(\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{p}\right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{y}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{y}}\right)$$

Denote by  $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^{\top}$  the rank decomposition of  $\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a$  is a  $n \times (n-q)$  column orthogonal matrix. Let  $\mathbf{X}_b^* = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^{\top} \mathbf{X}_b$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^* = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^{\top} \mathbf{y}$ . Let  $\gamma_i$  be the *i*th largest eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n-q$ . Denote by  $\mathbf{X}_b^* = \mathbf{U}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^* \mathbf{V}_b^{*\top}$  the singular value decomposition of  $\mathbf{X}_b^*$ , where  $\mathbf{U}_b^*$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_b^*$  are  $(n-q) \times (n-q)$  and  $p \times (n-q)$  column orthogonal matrices, respectively, and  $\mathbf{D}_b^* = \mathrm{diag}(\sqrt{\gamma_1}, \ldots, \sqrt{\gamma_{n-q}})$ . Then

$$2\log B_{10}^{\kappa} = p\log \kappa - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) - (p - (n-q))\log \kappa$$

$$- (n-q)\log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{X}_b^* \left(\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top}\mathbf{X}_b^* + \kappa\mathbf{I}_p\right)^{-1}\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}\right)$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) + (n-q)\log \left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{U}_b^* \left[\frac{1}{\kappa} \left(\mathbf{I}_{n-q} - \mathbf{D}_b^* \left(\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa\mathbf{I}_{n-q}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{D}_b^*\right)\right]\mathbf{U}_b^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}\right)$$

$$= (n-q)\log \kappa - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i + \kappa) - (n-q)\log \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{U}_b^*\mathbf{D}_b^* \left(\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa\mathbf{I}_{n-q}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{D}_b^*\mathbf{U}_b^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}\right).$$

The main part of  $2 \log B_{10}^{\kappa}$  is

$$T_n^{\kappa} = \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{U}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^* \left( \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^* \mathbf{U}_b^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}.$$

A large value of  $T_n^{\kappa}$  supports the alternative hypothesis. Under the null hypothesis,

$$\operatorname{E} T_n^{\kappa} = \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \right).$$

Under the alternative hypothesis, consider  $\beta_b = c\beta_b^{\dagger}$  where  $\beta_b^{\dagger} \neq 0$  is a fixed direction and c > 0. As  $c \to \infty$ ,

$$T_n^{\kappa} \to \frac{\beta_b^{\dagger \top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{* \top} \beta_b^{\dagger}}{\beta_b^{\dagger \top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{* \top} \beta_b^{\dagger}}.$$

We say  $T_n^{\kappa}$  is consistent along the direction  $\beta_b^{\dagger}$  if

$$\frac{\boldsymbol{\beta}_b^{\dagger \top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{* \top} \boldsymbol{\beta}_b^{\dagger}}{\boldsymbol{\beta}_b^{\dagger \top} \mathbf{V}_b^* \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} \mathbf{V}_b^{* \top} \boldsymbol{\beta}_b^{\dagger}} > \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_b^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_b^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \right),$$

or equivalently

$$\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\dagger \top} \mathbf{V}_{b}^{*} \left[ \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \right) \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_{b}^{*\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\dagger} > 0.$$

Let  $k_{\kappa}$  be the number of positive eigenvalues of

$$\mathbf{V}_{b}^{*} \left[ \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \right) \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_{b}^{*\top}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_{\kappa}$  be the linear space spanned by the first  $k_{\kappa}$  columns of  $\mathbf{V}_{b}^{*}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{S}_{\kappa}^{\perp}$  the orthogonal complement space of  $\mathcal{S}_{\kappa}$ . We have  $\mathbb{R}^{p} = \mathcal{S}_{\kappa} \oplus \mathcal{S}_{\kappa}^{\perp}$ . If  $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\dagger} \in \mathcal{S}_{\kappa}$ ,

$$\mathbf{V}_{b}^{*} \left[ \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \right) \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_{b}^{*\top} > 0.$$

On the other hand, if  $\beta_b^{\dagger} \in \mathcal{S}_{\kappa}^{\perp}$ ,

$$\mathbf{V}_{b}^{*} \left[ \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} (\mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} + \kappa \mathbf{I}_{n-q})^{-1} \right) \mathbf{D}_{b}^{*2} \right] \mathbf{V}_{b}^{*\top} \leq 0.$$

We would like to choose a hyperparameter  $\kappa$  which consists the most consistent directions. To achieve this, we maximize  $k_{\kappa}$  with respect to  $\kappa$ .

**Proposition 2.** For  $\kappa_2 > \kappa_1 > 0$ , we have  $k_{\kappa_1} \geq k_{\kappa_2}$ . That is,  $k_{\kappa}$  ( $\kappa > 0$ ) is decreasing in  $\kappa$ .

The proposition implies that we should put  $\kappa$  as small as possible. This motivates us to consider  $B_{10}^0 = \lim_{\kappa \to 0} B_{10}^{\kappa}$ . It is straightforward to show that

$$2\log B_{10}^0 = -\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \log(\gamma_i) + (n-q)\log\left(\frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}(\mathbf{X}_b^*\mathbf{X}_b^{*\top})^{-1}\mathbf{y}^*}\right).$$

 $B_{10}^0$  can be regarded as the Bayes factor with respect to noninformative prior.

Define

$$T_n = \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} (\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top})^{-1} \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*}.$$

Then we reject the null hypothesis if  $T_n$  is small. It can be seen that under the null hypothesis,

$$T_n \sim \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \gamma_i^{-1} Z_i^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} Z_i^2},$$

where  $\gamma_i$  is the *i*th eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top}$ , i = 1, ..., n - q, and  $Z_1, ..., Z_{n-q}$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  random variables.

## 2 Asymptotic results

Let  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)^{\top}$ , where  $\epsilon_i$ 's are iid random variable. Denote  $\mu_k = \operatorname{E} \epsilon_1^k$ . Then  $\mu_1 = 0$ ,  $\mu_2 = \phi^{-1}$ .

Assumption 1. Suppose

**Lemma 1.** If  $\phi^2 \mu_4 = o(n-q)$ ,

$$\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*} = (1 + o_{P}(1)) \left( \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\top} \mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top} (\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a}) \mathbf{X}_{b} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} + \phi^{-1}(n - q) \right).$$

Proof.

$$\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\top}\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} + 2\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}.$$

$$\mathrm{E}\left(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}\right) = \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\top}\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} + \phi^{-1}(n - q).$$

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}\right) \leq 2 \operatorname{Var}\left(2\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}\right) + 2 \operatorname{Var}\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n} - \mathbf{P}_{a})\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right)$$

From (i) of (Chen et al., 2010, Proposition A.1),

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a)\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}\right) = \phi^{-2}\left((\phi^2\mu_4 - 3)\sum_{i=1}^n ((\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a)_{i,i})^2 + 2(n-q)\right) \le \phi^{-2}(2 + \phi^2\mu_4)(n-q).$$

Then

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}\right) \leq 8\phi^{-1}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\top}\mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top}(\mathbf{I}_{n}-\mathbf{P}_{a})\mathbf{X}_{b}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} + 2\phi^{-2}(2+\phi^{2}\mu_{4})(n-q)$$

Thus, if  $\phi^2 \mu_4 = o(n-q)$ , we have

$$\frac{\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}\right)}{\left(\operatorname{E}\left(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}\right)\right)^{2}} \to 0,$$

and consequently  $\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*} = (1 + o_{P}(1)) \operatorname{E}(\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}).$ 

Note that under the normality,  $T_n - \operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top})^{-1})/(n-q)$  has zero mean.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{A}_n$  be an  $(n-q) \times (n-q)$  symmetric matrix.

$$\left(\boldsymbol{\beta}_b^{\top} \mathbf{X}_b^{\top} (\mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{P}_a) \mathbf{X}_b \boldsymbol{\beta}_b + \phi^{-1} (n - q) \right) \left( \frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{A}_n \mathbf{y}^*}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top} \mathbf{y}^*} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_n)}{n - q} \right) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

Proof.

$$\frac{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{A}_{n}\mathbf{y}^{*}}{\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q} = \frac{(\phi^{1/2}\mathbf{y})^{\top}\left(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}\mathbf{A}_{n}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top}\right)(\phi^{1/2}\mathbf{y})}{\phi\mathbf{y}^{*\top}\mathbf{y}^{*}}.$$

$$(\phi^{1/2}\mathbf{y})^{\top} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \mathbf{A}_{n} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} \right) (\phi^{1/2}\mathbf{y})$$

$$= (\phi^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^{\top} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \mathbf{A}_{n} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} \right) (\phi^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}) +$$

$$2\phi^{1/2} (\phi^{1/2}\boldsymbol{\varepsilon})^{\top} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \mathbf{A}_{n} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} \right) \mathbf{X}_{b} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b} +$$

$$\phi \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}^{\top} \mathbf{X}_{b}^{\top} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \mathbf{A}_{n} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n})}{n-q} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} \right) \mathbf{X}_{b} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b}$$

From (Jiang, 1996, Theorem 5.1),

As in Vershynin (2018), sub-gaussian norm of a sub-gaussian random variable is defined as

$$||X||_{\psi_2} = \inf\{t > 0 : \mathbb{E}\exp(X^2/t^2) \le 2\}.$$

A random vector  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is called sub-gaussian if  $z \top Z$  are sub-gaussian random variables for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . The sub-gaussian norm of Z is defined as

$$||Z||_{\psi_2} = \sup_{z \in S^{p-1}} ||z^{\mathsf{T}} Z||_{\psi_2},$$

where  $S^{p-1}$  is the unit sphere in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

Suppose  $\mathbf{X}_b = \mathbf{Z}_b \Gamma + \mathbf{1}_n \mu_b^{\mathsf{T}}$ , where the rows of  $\mathbf{Z}_b$  are iid sub-gaussion random vectors with identity covariance matrix.

The following lemma is a simple extension of Theorem 4.6.1 of Vershynin (2018).

**Lemma 2.** Let **Z** be an  $N \times n$  random matrix whose columns  $Z_i$  are independent sub-gaussian random vectors with  $E(Z_i) = 0$ ,  $Var(Z_i) = \mathbf{I}_n$ . Suppose  $K := \max_i \|Z_i\|_{\psi_2}$  is uniformly bounded. Write  $Z_i = (z_{i1}, \ldots, z_{iN})^{\top}$ . Assume that  $E(z_{i\ell}^4) = 3 + \Delta < \infty$  and for any intergers  $\ell_v \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{v=1}^s \ell_v \leq 4$ ,

$$\mathrm{E}(Z_{ij_1}^{\ell_1}Z_{ij_2}^{\ell_2}\cdots Z_{ij_s}^{\ell_s}) = \mathrm{E}(Z_{ij_1}^{\ell_1})\,\mathrm{E}(Z_{ij_2}^{\ell_2})\cdots\mathrm{E}(Z_{ij_s}^{\ell_s})$$

Let W be a nonrandom  $N \times N$  symmetric matrix. Then

$$\|\mathbf{Z}^{\mathsf{T}}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_n\| = O_P(\sqrt{n}\|\mathbf{W}\|_F + n\|\mathbf{W}\|).$$

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$$||U\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}U^{\top} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_{n}||$$

Next we verify the following. Let  $\Sigma = \Gamma^{\top} \Gamma$ .

Proof. Let

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X}_b^* \mathbf{X}_b^{*\top} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^\top \mathbf{X}_b \mathbf{X}_b^\top \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a^\top \mathbf{Z}_b \Gamma \Gamma^\top \mathbf{Z}_b^\top \tilde{\mathbf{U}}_a$$

Note that Lemma 2 implies that

$$\|\mathbf{B} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})\mathbf{I}_{n-q}\| = O_P(\sqrt{n}\|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|_F + n\|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|).$$

That is, uniformly for  $i = 1, \ldots, n - q$ ,

$$\frac{\lambda_i(\mathbf{B})}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} = 1 + O_P \left( \frac{\sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|_F}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} + \frac{n \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \right)$$

Define

$$\delta_i = \frac{\lambda_i(\mathbf{B})}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} - 1$$
$$\eta = \frac{\sqrt{n} \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|_F}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} + \frac{n \|\mathbf{\Sigma}\|}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})}$$

We assume  $\eta \to 0$ .

Thus, we need to verify

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}\mathbf{B}^{-1}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}{n-q}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}_{a}^{\top}$$

satisfies that

$$\left\| \mathbf{B}^{-1} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}{n-q} \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right\|^{2} / \operatorname{tr} \left( \mathbf{B}^{-1} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}{n-q} \mathbf{I}_{n-q} \right)^{2} \to 0.$$
 (1)

Note that

$$\operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{B}^{-1} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}{n-q}\mathbf{I}_{n-q}\right)^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \frac{1}{\lambda_{i}^{2}(\mathbf{B})} - \frac{1}{n-q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \frac{1}{\lambda_{i}(\mathbf{B})}\right)^{2}.$$

By Taylor's theorem, uniformly for i = 1, ..., n, we have

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_i(\mathbf{B})} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \frac{1}{1+\delta_i} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left( 1 - \delta_i + \delta_i^2 + O_P(\eta^3) \right), 
\frac{1}{\lambda_i^2(\mathbf{B})} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^2(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \frac{1}{(1+\delta_i)^2} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^2(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left( 1 - 2\delta_i + 3\delta_i^2 + O_P(\eta^3) \right).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{tr}\left(\mathbf{B}^{-1} - \frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{-1})}{n-q}\mathbf{I}_{n-q}\right)^{2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(1 - 2\delta_{i} + 3\delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(\eta^{3})\right) - \frac{1}{n-q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(1 - \delta_{i} + \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(\eta^{3})\right)\right)^{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(n - q - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + 3\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3}) - \frac{1}{n-q} \left(n - q - \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3})\right)^{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(n - q - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + 3\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3}) - (n - q) \left(1 - \frac{1}{n-q}\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + \frac{1}{n-q}\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(\eta^{3})\right)^{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(n - q - 2\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + 3\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3}) - (n - q) \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{n-q}\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}\right)^{2} - \frac{2}{n-q}\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i} + \frac{2}{n-q}\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} + O_{P}(\eta^{3})\right)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}^{2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-q} \delta_{i}\right)^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3})\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(\operatorname{tr}\left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})}\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{I}_{n-q}\right)^{2} - \frac{1}{n-q} \left(\frac{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B})}{\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} - (n - q)\right)^{2} + O_{P}(n\eta^{3})\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(\frac{1}{\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma})} \left(\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{B}^{2}) - \frac{1}{n-q} \operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{B})\right) + O_{P}(n\eta^{3})\right). \end{split}$$

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\mathbf{Z}$  be an  $n \times m$  random matrix whose rows  $Z_i$  are independent random vectors with  $\mathrm{E}(Z_i) = 0$ ,  $\mathrm{Var}(Z_i) = \mathbf{I}_m$ . Write  $Z_i = (z_{i1}, \ldots, z_{im})^{\top}$ . Assume that  $\mathrm{E}(z_{i\ell}^4) = 3 + \Delta < \infty$  and for any intergers  $\ell_v \geq 0$  with  $\sum_{v=1}^s \ell_v \leq 8$ . Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a  $m \times m$  symmetric matrix. Let  $\mathbf{Q}$  be a  $n \times n$  projection matrix with rank r. Then

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})^{2} - \frac{1}{r}\left(\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})\right)^{2}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^{\mathsf{T}}$ , where  $\mathbf{U}$  is a  $n \times r$  column orthogonal matrix. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})^{2} - \frac{1}{r}\left(\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})\right)^{2} \\ &= \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{U})^{2} - \frac{1}{r}\left(\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{U}^{\top}\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{U})\right)^{2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_{i,j} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{j}$$

$$\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} q_{i,j} q_{k,l} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{j} Z_{k}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{l}$$

And

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} q_{j,k} q_{l,i} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{j} Z_{k}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{l}$$

Thus,

$$\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q})^{2} - r^{-1}\operatorname{tr}^{2}(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{Q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \sum_{l=1}^{n} (q_{i,l}q_{j,k} - r^{-1}q_{i,j}q_{k,l}) Z_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z_{j}Z_{k}^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z_{l}$$

Thus,

$$e(i, j, k, l) := q_{i,l}q_{j,k} - r^{-1}q_{i,j}q_{k,l}$$

satisfies,

$$e(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) = e(i_2, i_1, i_4, i_3) = e(i_3, i_4, i_1, i_2) = e(i_4, i_3, i_2, i_1)$$

**Lemma 4.** Let e(i, j; k, l) satisfy:

$$e(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) = e(i_2, i_1, i_4, i_3) = e(i_3, i_4, i_1, i_2) = e(i_4, i_3, i_2, i_1)$$

Then

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{n} e(i,j,k,l) Z_i^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_j Z_k^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_l$$

*Proof.* Let  $f(i,j,k,l) = e(i,j,k,l)Z_i^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_j Z_k^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_l$ . Then f also satisfies

$$f(i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4) = f(i_2, i_1, i_4, i_3) = f(i_3, i_4, i_1, i_2) = f(i_4, i_3, i_2, i_1)$$

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{n} f(i,j,k,l)$$

$$= \sum_{i=j=1}^{n} \sum_{k=l=1}^{n} + \sum_{i=j=1}^{n} \sum_{k,l}^{*} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k=l=1}^{n} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k,l}^{*}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(i,i,j,j) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j,k}^{*} f(j,k,i,i) + \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k,l}^{*} f(i,j,k,l)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(i,i,j,j) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k) + \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k,l}^{*} f(i,j,k,l)$$

For the first term,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} f(i, i, j, j) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(i, i, i, i) + \sum_{i, j}^{*} f(i, i, j, j).$$

For the second term,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j\neq i}^{n} f(i,i,i,j) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j\neq i}^{} f(i,i,j,i) + \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k)$$

$$= 2 \sum_{i,j}^{*} f(i,i,i,j) + \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k)$$

For the third term,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k,l}^* f(i,j,k,l) \\ &= \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=i,l=j} + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=j,l=i} + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=i,l\neq\{i,j\}} + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=j,l\neq\{i,j\}} + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{l=i,k\neq\{i,j\}} + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{l=j,k\neq\{i,j\}} + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^* \sum_{l=i,k\neq\{i,j\}} + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^* \sum_{l=i,k,l}^* \sum_{l=$$

Thus

$$\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{n} f(i,j,k,l) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(i,i,i,i) + \sum_{i,j}^{*} f(i,i,j,j)$$

$$+ 4 \sum_{i,j}^{*} f(i,i,i,j) + 2 \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} f(i,i,j,k)$$

$$\sum_{i,j}^{*} (f(i,j,i,j) + f(i,j,j,i)) + 2 \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} (f(i,j,i,k) + f(i,j,k,i)) + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*} f(i,j,k,l)$$

$$=: \sum_{i=1}^{7} A_{i}$$

Note that for distinct i, j, k, l,

$$\begin{split} & \to f(i,i,i,i) = e(i,i,i,i) \, \mathbf{E}(Z_i^\top \mathbf{B} Z_i)^2 = e(i,i,i,i) \, \big( \mathrm{tr}^2(\mathbf{B}) + 2 \, \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B}^2) + \Delta \, \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{B} \circ \mathbf{B}) \big) \\ & \to f(i,i,j,j) = e(i,i,j,j) \, \mathbf{E}(Z_i^\top \mathbf{B} Z_i) (Z_i^\top \mathbf{B} Z_i) = e(i,i,j,j) \, \mathrm{tr}^2(\mathbf{B}) \\ & \to f(i,i,i,j) = 0 \\ & \to (f(i,j,i,j) + f(i,j,j,i)) = (e(i,j,i,j) + e(i,j,j,i)) \, \mathbf{E}(Z_i^\top \mathbf{B} Z_j)^2 = (e(i,j,i,j) + e(i,j,j,i)) \, \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{B}^2) \\ & \to (f(i,j,i,k) + f(i,j,k,i)) = 0 \\ & \to f(i,j,k,l) = 0 \end{split}$$

Let  $h(i, j, k, l) = f(i, j, k, l) - \operatorname{E} f(i, j, k, l)$ . Then

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{n} e(i,j,k,l) Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{j} Z_{k}^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_{l}\right) = \operatorname{E}\left(\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{n} h(i,j,k,l)\right)^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{7} \operatorname{E}(A_{i} - \operatorname{E} A_{i})^{2} + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq 7} \operatorname{E}(A_{i} - \operatorname{E} A_{i})(A_{i} - \operatorname{E} A_{i})$$

We have

$$E(A_1 - E A_1)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n e(i, i, i, i)^2 E\left((Z_1^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_1)^2 - E(Z_1^{\top} \mathbf{B} Z_1)^2\right)^2$$

Lemma 5.

$$\mathrm{E}\left((Z^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z)^{2} - \mathrm{E}(Z^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z)^{2}\right)^{2} =$$

Proof.

$$(Z^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z)^{2} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}z_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j}z_{i}z_{j}\right)^{2}$$

$$= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}z_{i}^{2}\right)^{2} + \left(\sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j}z_{i}z_{j}\right)^{2} + 2\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}z_{i}^{2}\right)\left(\sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j}z_{i}z_{j}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2}z_{i}^{4} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i}b_{j,j}z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k,l}^{*} b_{i,j}b_{k,l}z_{i}z_{j}z_{k}z_{l} + 2\sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j}b_{k,k}z_{i}z_{j}z_{k}^{2}$$

Note that

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k,l}^* b_{i,j} b_{k,l} z_i z_j z_k z_l \\ &= \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=i,l=j}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=i,l\neq j}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=j,l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k=j,l\neq i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=j}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=j}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=j}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\notin \{i,j\},l=i}^* + \sum_{i,j}^* \sum_{k\in \{i$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2} = \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k=1}^{m} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2} \\ &= \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{i,i} z_{i}^{3} z_{j} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{j,j} z_{i} z_{j}^{3} + \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2} = \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i} b_{i,j} z_{i}^{3} z_{j} + \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2}. \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$(Z^{\top}\mathbf{B}Z)^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2} z_{i}^{4} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i} b_{j,j} z_{i}^{2} z_{j}^{2} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} \sum_{k,l}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,l} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k} z_{l} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2} z_{i}^{4} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i} b_{j,j} z_{i}^{2} z_{j}^{2} + 2 \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,j}^{2} b_{i,j} z_{i}^{2} z_{j}^{2} + 4 \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{i,k} z_{i}^{2} z_{j} z_{k} + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,l} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2}$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i} b_{i,j} z_{i}^{3} z_{j} + 2 \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,k} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k}^{2}.$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2} z_{i}^{4} + \sum_{i,j}^{*} (b_{i,i} b_{j,j} + 2 b_{i,j}^{2}) z_{i}^{2} z_{j}^{2} + 2 \sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i} b_{i,j} z_{i}^{3} z_{j}$$

$$+ \sum_{i,j,k}^{*} (2 b_{i,i} b_{j,k} + 4 b_{i,j} b_{i,k}) z_{i}^{2} z_{j} z_{k} + \sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*} b_{i,j} b_{k,l} z_{i} z_{j} z_{k} z_{l}$$

Firstly,

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2} z_{i}^{4}\right) = O(\sum_{i=1}^{4} b_{i,i}^{4})$$

Secondly.

$$\mathbf{E}\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}=\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})=(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{2}-\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2}+2\sum_{i,j=1}^{n}b_{i,j}^{2}-2\sum_{i=1}^{n}b_{i,i}^{2}$$

$$\begin{split} & (\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2})^{2} \\ & = \sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}z_{k}^{2}z_{l}^{2} \\ & = \sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k=i,l=j}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k=i,l\neq j}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k=j,l=i}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k=j,l\neq i}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k\notin\{i,j\},l=i}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k\notin\{i,j\},l=j}^{*}+\sum_{i,j}^{*}\sum_{k\notin\{i,j\},l\neq\{i,j\}}^{*} \\ & = 2\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{4}+\sum_{i,j,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{i,i}b_{l,l}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{i,i}b_{l,l}+2b_{i,l}^{2})z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{2}z_{l}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{j,j}b_{l,l}+2b_{j,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{4}z_{j}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{k,k}b_{i,i}+2b_{k,j}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{4}z_{k}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}z_{k}^{2} \\ & = 2\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{4}+\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}z_{k}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{4}+\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{4}+\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{2}z_{k}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}z_{i}^{4}z_{j}^{4}+\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}z_{k}^{2}z_{l}^{2} \\ & +\sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2}z_{k}^{2}z_{l}^{2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{split} & \text{E}(\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2})^{2} \\ =& 2\mu_{4}^{2}\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}+4\mu_{4}\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{i,i}b_{k,k}+2b_{i,k}^{2}) \\ &+\sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{k,k}b_{l,l}+2b_{k,l}^{2}) \\ =& 2(\mu_{4}^{2}-1)\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})^{2}+4(\mu_{4}-1)\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2})(b_{i,i}b_{k,k}+2b_{i,k}^{2}) \\ &+(\sum_{i,j}^{*}(b_{i,i}b_{j,j}+2b_{i,j}^{2}))^{2} \end{split}$$

Note that

$$\sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i}^{2} b_{j,j}^{2} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2}\right)^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{4}$$

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i,j,k}^* b_{i,i}^2 b_{j,j} b_{k,k} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \notin \{i,j\}} b_{i,i}^2 b_{j,j} b_{k,k} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j \neq i} \sum_{k \neq i} b_{i,i}^2 b_{j,j} b_{k,k} - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j \neq i} b_{i,i}^2 b_{j,j}^2 \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i}^4 - (\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i}^2)^2 - 2(\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i}^3)(\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i}) + (\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i}^2)(\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i,i})^2 \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} & \mathrm{E}(\sum_{i,j}^{*}b_{i,i}b_{j,j}z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2})^{2} \\ =& 2\mu_{4}^{2}\sum_{i,j}^{*}b_{i,i}^{2}b_{j,j}^{2}+4\mu_{4}\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}b_{i,i}^{2}b_{j,j}b_{k,k}+\sum_{i,j,k,l}^{*}b_{i,i}b_{j,j}b_{k,k}b_{l,l} \\ =& 2(\mu_{4}^{2}-1)\sum_{i,j}^{*}b_{i,i}^{2}b_{j,j}^{2}+4(\mu_{4}-1)\sum_{i,j,k}^{*}b_{i,i}^{2}b_{j,j}b_{k,k}+(\sum_{i,j}^{*}b_{i,i}b_{j,j})^{2} \\ =& 2(\mu_{4}^{2}-1)\left((\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})^{2}-\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{4}\right) \\ & +4(\mu_{4}-1)\left(2\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{4}-(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})^{2}-2(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{3})(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})+(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{2}\right) \\ & +(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})^{2}+(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{4}-2(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{2} \\ =& (\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{4}+(2\mu_{4}^{2}-4\mu_{4}+3)(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})^{2}+(-2\mu_{4}^{2}+8\mu_{4}-6)\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{4}) \\ & +(-8\mu_{4}+8)(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{3})(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})+(4\mu_{4}-6)(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{m}b_{i,i})^{2} \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$\operatorname{Var}(\sum_{i,j}^{*} b_{i,i}b_{j,j}z_{i}^{2}z_{j}^{2})$$

$$=(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i})^{4} + (2\mu_{4}^{2} - 4\mu_{4} + 3)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})^{2} + (-2\mu_{4}^{2} + 8\mu_{4} - 6)\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{4}$$

$$+ (-8\mu_{4} + 8)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{3})(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}) + (4\mu_{4} - 6)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i})^{2}$$

$$- (\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i})^{4} - (\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})^{2} + 2(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i})^{2}(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})$$

$$= (2\mu_{4}^{2} - 4\mu_{4} + 2)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})^{2} + (-2\mu_{4}^{2} + 8\mu_{4} - 6)\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{4}$$

$$+ (-8\mu_{4} + 8)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{3})(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}) + (4\mu_{4} - 4)(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i}^{2})(\sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i,i})^{2}$$

Appendices

## Appendix A haha1

**Proof of Proposition 1.** We assume  $0 < \alpha < 1$  since the case  $\alpha = 0$  or 1 is trivial. Note that the condition implies  $\int [\varphi(\mathbf{y}) - \alpha] \mathcal{N}_n(0, \phi^{-1}\mathbf{I}_n)(d\mathbf{y}) = 0$ . Hence it suffices to prove  $\varphi(\mathbf{y}) \geq \alpha$ , a.s. We prove this by contradiction. Suppose  $\lambda(\{\mathbf{y}: \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha\}) > 0$ . Then there exists a  $\eta > 0$ , such that  $\lambda(\{\mathbf{y}: \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha - \eta\}) > 0$ . We denote  $E = \{\mathbf{y}: \varphi(\mathbf{y}) < \alpha - \eta\}$ . From Lebesgue density theorem (Cohn, 2013, Corollary 6.2.6), there exists a point  $z \in E$ , such that, for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta_{\epsilon} > 0$  such that

$$\left| \frac{\lambda(E^{\complement} \cap C_{\epsilon})}{\lambda(C_{\epsilon})} \right| < \epsilon,$$

where  $C_{\epsilon} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} [z_i - \delta_{\epsilon}, z_i + \delta_{\epsilon}]$ . We put

$$\epsilon = \left(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)}\right)^n \frac{\eta}{3}.$$

Then for any  $\phi > 0$ ,

$$\alpha \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y})$$

$$= \int_{E \cap C_{\epsilon}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{E^{\complement} \cap C_{\epsilon}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{C_{\epsilon}^{\complement}} \varphi(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y})$$

$$\leq \alpha - \eta + \int_{E^{\complement} \cap C_{\epsilon}} \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y}) + \int_{C_{\epsilon}^{\complement}} \mathcal{N}_{n}(z, \phi^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{n}) (d\mathbf{y})$$

$$\leq \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\phi}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \lambda(E^{\complement} \cap C_{\epsilon}) + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_{\epsilon})\right)$$

$$\leq \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\phi}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \epsilon(2\delta_{\epsilon})^{n} + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_{\epsilon})\right)$$

$$= \alpha - \eta + \left(\frac{\sqrt{\phi}\delta_{\epsilon}}{\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)}\right)^{n} \frac{\eta}{3} + 2n \left(1 - \Phi(\sqrt{\phi}\delta_{\epsilon})\right).$$

Putting

$$\phi = \left(\frac{\Phi^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\eta}{6n}\right)}{\delta_{\epsilon}}\right)^{2}$$

yields the contradiction  $\alpha \leq \alpha - (2/3)\eta$ . This completes the proof.

**Proof of Proposition 2.** For positive integer m, define  $[m] = \{1, \ldots, m\}$ . For a set A, denote by |A| its cardinality. We have

$$k_{\kappa} = \left| \left\{ i \in [n-q] : \frac{\gamma_i^2}{\gamma_i + \kappa} - \frac{1}{n-q} \sum_{j=1}^{n-q} \frac{\gamma_j \gamma_i}{\gamma_j + \kappa} > 0 \right\} \right|$$
$$= \left| \left\{ i \in [n-q] : \frac{\gamma_i}{\gamma_i + \kappa} > \frac{1}{n-q} \sum_{j=1}^{n-q} \frac{\gamma_j}{\gamma_j + \kappa} \right\} \right|.$$

Let X be a random variable uniformly distributed on  $\{\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_{n-q}\}$ . That is,  $\Pr(X = \gamma_i) = 1/(n-q), i = 1, \ldots, n-q$ . Then it can be seen that

$$k_{\kappa} = (n - q) \operatorname{Pr} \left( \frac{X}{X + \kappa} > \operatorname{E} \left[ \frac{X}{X + \kappa} \right] \right).$$

Hence we only need to verify

$$\Pr\left(\frac{X}{X + \kappa_1} > \operatorname{E}\left[\frac{X}{X + \kappa_1}\right]\right) \ge \Pr\left(\frac{X}{X + \kappa_2} > \operatorname{E}\left[\frac{X}{X + \kappa_2}\right]\right). \tag{2}$$

Let  $Y = X/(X + \kappa_2)$ . Then

$$\frac{X}{(X+\kappa_1)} = \frac{\kappa_2 Y}{\kappa_1 + (\kappa_2 - \kappa_1)Y} := f(Y).$$

Note that f(Y) is increasing for  $Y \geq 0$ . Then the inequality (2) is equivalent to

$$\Pr\left(Y > f^{-1}\left(\operatorname{E} f(Y)\right)\right) \ge \Pr\left(Y > \operatorname{E} Y\right).$$

Hence we only need to verify  $f^{-1}(E f(Y)) \leq E Y$ , or equivalently,  $E f(Y) \leq f(E Y)$ . But the last inequality is a direct consequence of the concavity of f(Y). This completes the proof.

**Lemma 6.** Let **W** be an  $N \times N$  positive semi-definite matrix. Let Z be an N dimensional sub-gaussian random vector with E Z = 0,  $Var(Z) = \mathbf{I}_n$  and  $\|Z\|_{\psi_2} \leq K$ . For all t > 0,

$$\Pr\left\{Z^{\top}\mathbf{W}Z>\right\} \le e^{-t}.$$

**Remark 1.** This lemma is adapted from Hsu et al. (2012) Theorem 2.1 with minor modifications. Indeed, their result did not track the variance of Z.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{A} = \sqrt{\mathbf{W}}$ . Let  $Z^*$  be a vector of N independent standard Gaussian random variables which are independent of Z.

$$E[\exp(\lambda Z^{*\top} \mathbf{A} Z)] = E[\exp(\lambda Z^{*\top} \mathbf{A} Z) | Z] = E[\exp(\frac{\lambda^2}{2} Z^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z)]$$

Lemma 7.

Proof.

Proof of Lemma 2.

$$\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_n\| \le \|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\| + \|\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}) - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_n\|$$

We have

$$\|\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}) - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_{n}\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |Z_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{W}Z_{i} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})| \leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Z_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{W}Z_{i} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W}))^{2}}$$

From (Chen et al., 2010, Proposition A.1),

$$\operatorname{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(Z_{i}^{\top}\mathbf{W}Z_{i}-\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\right)^{2}\right]=2n\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W}^{2})+\Delta n\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W}\circ\mathbf{W})\leq(2+\Delta)n\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W}^{2}).$$

Hence

$$\|\operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z}) - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{W})\mathbf{I}_n\| = O_P(\sqrt{n}\|\mathbf{W}\|_F).$$

Next we deal with

$$\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\|$$

From (Vershynin, 2018, Lemma 5.2), there is a 1/4-net  $\mathcal{C}$  of the unit sphere  $S^{n-1}$  such that  $|\mathcal{C}| \leq 9^n$ . By (Vershynin, 2018, Exercise 4.4.3),

$$\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\| \le 2 \sup_{x \in \mathcal{C}} |x^{\top}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})) x|.$$

Fix  $x \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$\left| x^{\top} \left( \mathbf{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{Z}) \right) x \right| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \neq i}^{n} x_i x_j Z_i^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_j \right|$$

Now we bound the moment generating function of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j\neq i}^{n} x_i x_j Z_i^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_j$ . We apply the decoupling technique in Vershynin (2018), Section 6.1. Let  $\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_n$  be independent Bernoulli random variables with  $\Pr{\{\delta_i = 0\} = \Pr{\{\delta_i = 1\} = 1/2.}}$  For any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \neq i}^{n} x_{i} x_{j} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_{j} \right\} = \operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ \operatorname{E} \left( 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta_{i} (1 - \delta_{j}) x_{i} x_{j} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_{j} \middle| \mathbf{Z} \right) \right\}$$

$$\leq \operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ 4\lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta_{i} (1 - \delta_{j}) x_{i} x_{j} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_{j} \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ 4\lambda \left( \sum_{i:\delta_{i}=1} x_{i} Z_{i} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W} \left( \sum_{j:\delta_{j}=0} x_{j} Z_{j} \right) \right\}$$

$$\leq \max_{I \subset [n]} \operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ 4\lambda \left( \sum_{i \in I} x_{i} Z_{i} \right)^{\top} \mathbf{W} \left( \sum_{j \notin I} x_{j} Z_{j} \right) \right\},$$

where the first inequality follows from Jensen's inequality. Fix an  $I \subset [n]$ . From Vershynin (2018), Proposition 2.6.1,  $\|\sum_{i \in I} x_i Z_i\|_{\psi_2} \leq C_1 K$ ,  $\|\sum_{j \notin I} x_j Z_j\|_{\psi_2} \leq C_1 K$  for some absolute constant  $C_1$ . Then Vershynin (2018), Lemma 6.2.2 and Lemma 6.2.3 imply that there exist absolute constants  $C_2, C_3$  such that,

$$\mathbb{E} \exp \left\{ 4\lambda \left( \sum_{i \in I} x_i Z_i \right)^\top \mathbf{W} \left( \sum_{j \notin I} x_j Z_j \right) \right\} \le \exp \left\{ C_2 K^4 \| \mathbf{W} \|_F^2 \lambda^2 \right\}$$

for all  $|\lambda| \leq C_3/(K^2 \|\mathbf{W}\|)$ . Note that this bound does not depend on  $I \subset [n]$ . It follows that

$$\operatorname{E} \exp \left\{ \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \neq i}^{n} x_i x_j Z_i^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_j \right\} \leq \exp \left\{ C_2 K^4 \| \mathbf{W} \|_F^2 \lambda^2 \right\},$$

for all  $|\lambda| \leq C_3/(K^2 \|\mathbf{W}\|)$ . Then applying Chernoff bound yields that, for any t > 0,

$$\Pr\left(\left|\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j\neq i}^{n} x_{i} x_{j} Z_{i}^{\top} \mathbf{W} Z_{j}\right| > t\right) \leq \inf_{0 < \lambda \leq \frac{C_{3}}{K^{2} ||\mathbf{W}||}} 2 \exp\left\{-\lambda t + C_{2} K^{4} ||\mathbf{W}||_{F}^{2} \lambda^{2}\right\} \\
\leq 2 \exp\left\{-\min\left(\frac{t^{2}}{4C_{2} K^{4} ||\mathbf{W}||_{F}^{2}}, \frac{C_{3} t}{2K^{2} ||\mathbf{W}||}\right)\right\}.$$

This inequality, combined with union bound, yields

$$\Pr\left(\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\| > t\right) \leq \Pr\left(2\sup_{x \in \mathcal{C}} \left| x^{\top} \left(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\right) x \right| > t\right)$$
$$\leq 2 \cdot 9^{n} \exp\left\{-\min\left(\frac{t^{2}}{16C_{2}K^{4}\|\mathbf{W}\|_{F}^{2}}, \frac{C_{3}t}{4K^{2}\|\mathbf{W}\|}\right)\right\}.$$

Thus, there exists a large C > 0 such that for every t > 0,

$$\Pr\left(\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\| > C(K^{2}(\sqrt{n} + t)\|\mathbf{W}\|_{F} + K^{2}(n + t^{2})\|\mathbf{W}\|)\right) \leq 2\exp\{-t^{2}\}.$$

Consequently,  $\|\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z} - \operatorname{diag}(\mathbf{Z}^{\top}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Z})\| = O_P(K^2(\sqrt{n}\|\mathbf{W}\|_F + n\|\mathbf{W}\|))$ . This completes the proof.

### Appendix B haha2

Theorem 2. Let  $\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_d$  be iid random variables with mean 0 and variance 1, and assume  $\mu_k := \mathrm{E}(\zeta_1^k)$  is finite for  $k \leq 8$ . Let  $\boldsymbol{\zeta} = (\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_d)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . For  $k = 1, \ldots, K$ , let  $\mathbf{Q}_k = (q_{i_j}^{(k)})$  be a  $d \times d$  symmetric matrix and let  $\check{\mathbf{Q}}_k = \mathrm{diag}(q_{11}^{(k)}, \ldots, q_{dd}^{(k)})$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{Q}}_k = \mathbf{I}_d - \check{\mathbf{Q}}_k$ . Define  $\hat{w}_k = \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_k \boldsymbol{\zeta}$ ,  $\check{w}_k = \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \check{\mathbf{Q}}_k \boldsymbol{\zeta} - \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{Q}_k)$ , and

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{w}_1 \\ \check{w}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{w}_K \\ \check{w}_K \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \boldsymbol{\zeta} \\ \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \check{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \boldsymbol{\zeta} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}_1) \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \boldsymbol{\zeta} \\ \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \check{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \boldsymbol{\zeta} \\ \boldsymbol{\zeta}^\top \check{\mathbf{Q}}_1 \boldsymbol{\zeta} - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}_1) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2K}.$$

Finally, let  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}_{2K}(0, \mathbf{I}_{2K})$  and  $\mathbf{V} = \mathrm{Cov}(W)$ . There is an absolute constant  $0 < C < \infty$  such that

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*Proof.* Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^{2K} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a four-times differentiable function. From xxx, there is a 4-times differentiable function  $g: \mathbb{R}^{2K} \to \mathbb{R}$  satisfying the Stein identity

$$E[f(W)] - E[f(\mathbf{V}^{1/2}W)] = E[\nabla^{\top}\mathbf{V}\nabla g(W) - W^{\top}\nabla g(W)]$$

and

$$\left| \frac{\partial^k g(\mathbf{x})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \partial x_{i_j}} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \left| \frac{\partial^k f(\mathbf{x})}{\prod_{j=1}^k \partial x_{i_j}} \right| \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{2K})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{2K}, \ k = 1, 2, 3, \text{ and } i_j \in \{1, \dots, 2K\}.$$

To prove the theorem, we bound

$$S = \mathbf{E}[\nabla^{\top} \mathbf{V} \nabla g(W) - W^{\top} \nabla g(W)].$$

Next, we use exchangeability. Let  $\zeta' = (\zeta'_1, \dots, \zeta'_d)^{\top}$  be an independent copy of  $\zeta$ , and let  $\underline{i} \in \{1, \dots, d\}$  be an independent and uniformly distributed random index. Define the vector  $W' \in \mathbb{R}^{2K}$  exactly as we defined W, except that  $\zeta_{\underline{i}}$  is replaced with  $\zeta'_{\underline{i}}$  throughout. More precisely, let  $e_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be the ith standard basis vector in  $\mathcal{R}^d$  and define

$$\hat{w}_{k}' = (\boldsymbol{\zeta} + (\zeta_{\underline{i}}' - \zeta_{\underline{i}})e_{\underline{i}})^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{k} (\boldsymbol{\zeta} + (\zeta_{\underline{i}}' - \zeta_{\underline{i}})e_{\underline{i}})$$
$$= \hat{w}_{k} + 2(\zeta_{i}' - \zeta_{\underline{i}})e_{i}^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{Q}}_{k} \boldsymbol{\zeta},$$

$$\dot{w}_{k}' = (\boldsymbol{\zeta} + (\zeta_{\underline{i}}' - \zeta_{\underline{i}})e_{\underline{i}})^{\top} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k} (\boldsymbol{\zeta} + (\zeta_{\underline{i}}' - \zeta_{\underline{i}})e_{\underline{i}}) - \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}_{k}) 
 = \check{w}_{k} + e_{\underline{i}}^{\top} \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{k} e_{\underline{i}} ((\zeta_{\underline{i}}')^{2} - \zeta_{\underline{i}}^{2}),$$

for k = 1, ..., K. Then  $W' = (\hat{w}_1', \check{w}_1', ..., \hat{w}_K', \check{w}_K')^{\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{2K}$ . Its straightforward to verify that

$$E(\hat{w}_k' - \hat{w}_k | \boldsymbol{\zeta}) = -\frac{2}{d} \hat{w}_k, \quad E(\check{w}_k' - \check{w}_k | \boldsymbol{\zeta}) = -\frac{1}{d} \check{w}_k.$$

Then

$$E(W' - W|\zeta) = -\Lambda_K W,$$

where

$$\Lambda_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{d} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{d} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Lambda_K = \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda_1 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \Lambda_1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2K \times 2K}.$$

By exchangeability, we have

$$\begin{split} 0 &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{E}[(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} (\nabla g(W') + \nabla g(W))] \\ &= \operatorname{E}[(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} \nabla g(W)] + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{E}[(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} (\nabla g(W') - \nabla g(W))] \\ &= - \operatorname{E}[W^{\top} \nabla g(W)] + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{E}[(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} (\nabla g(W') - \nabla g(W))]. \end{split}$$

That is,

$$E[W^{\top} \nabla g(W)] = \frac{1}{2} E[(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_K^{-\top} (\nabla g(W') - \nabla g(W))].$$

Apply Taylor's theorem,

$$W^{\top}\nabla g(W)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^{2K} \Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1} D^{ij} g(W)(w'_i - w_i)(w'_j - w_j) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2K} \Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1} D^{ijk} g(W)(w'_i - w_i)(w'_j - w_j)(w'_k - w_k)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{2K} \Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1} D^{ijkl} g(t^*(W' - W) + W)(w'_i - w_i)(w'_j - w_j)(w'_k - w_k)(w'_l - w_l)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}[(W' - W)(W' - W)^{\top} \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} \nabla^2 g(W)] + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2K} \Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1} D^{ijk} g(W)(w'_i - w_i)(w'_j - w_j)(w'_k - w_k)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{2K} \Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1} D^{ijkl} g(t^*(W' - W) + W)(w'_i - w_i)(w'_j - w_j)(w'_k - w_k)(w'_l - w_l),$$

$$(3)$$

where  $t^* \in [0, 1]$ . Also by exchangeability,

$$E[(W' - W)(W' - W)^{\top}] = 2E[W(W - W')^{\top}] = 2E[WW^{\top}\Lambda_K^{\top}] = 2\mathbf{V}\Lambda_K^{\top}.$$

It follows that

$$E[\nabla^{\top} \mathbf{V} \nabla g(W)] = E \operatorname{tr}[\mathbf{V} \nabla^{2} g(W)] = \frac{1}{2} E \operatorname{tr}[E[(W' - W)(W' - W)^{\top}] \Lambda_{K}^{-\top} \nabla^{2} g(W)]$$

Thus,

$$\begin{split} S &= \mathbf{E}[\nabla^{\top}\mathbf{V}\nabla g(W) - W^{\top}\nabla g(W)] \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{E}\,\mathrm{tr}[\mathbf{E}[(W'-W)(W'-W)^{\top}]\Lambda_{K}^{-\top}\nabla^{2}g(W)] - \frac{1}{2}\,\mathbf{E}\,\mathrm{tr}[(W'-W)(W'-W)^{\top}\Lambda_{K}^{-\top}\nabla^{2}g(W)] \\ &- \frac{1}{4}\,\mathbf{E}\,\sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2K}\Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1}D^{ijk}g(W)(w'_{i}-w_{i})(w'_{j}-w_{j})(w'_{k}-w_{k}) \\ &- \frac{1}{12}\,\mathbf{E}\,\sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^{2K}\Lambda_{K,ii}^{-1}D^{ijkl}g(t^{*}(W'-W)+W)(w'_{i}-w_{i})(w'_{j}-w_{j})(w'_{k}-w_{k})(w'_{l}-w_{l}). \end{split}$$

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